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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A cupholder assembly adapted for use in a vehicle for supporting containers, the vehicle having a receiving aperture for receiving the cupholder assembly, the cupholder assembly comprising:

- a cupholder housing adapted for use in a vehicle and having an opening on one end adapted to accept;
- a cupholder tray adapted for slidable connection within said cupholder housing between storage and use positions; and
- a cupholder infinitely adjustable articulated arm unit adapted for permanent mounting on said cupholder tray, said cupholder infinitely adjustable articulated arm unit comprising:
 - a body portion adapted for permanent mounting on said cupholder tray and further adapted to hold beverage containers,
 - at least one articulating arm adapted to hold beverage containers and pivotal about and connected to said body portion by,
 - a living hinge; and

said cupholder infinitely adjustable articulated arm unit being molded of a first plastic composition having with the at least one living hinged articulating arm in a normally closed position and further molded of a first plastic composition and covered by an over-molded molding of a second plastic of a different composition than said first plastic ~~capable of~~ providing a spring-like closing action to said at least one living hinged articulating arm when it is pivoted out of said normally closed position.

2. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cupholder assembly housing and tray are composed of a plastic.

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3. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cupholder assembly housing and tray are composed of an injection molded plastic.
4. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 3 wherein, said injection molded plastic is polypropylene.
5. (currently amended) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 1 wherein, said cupholder assembly infinitely adjustable articulating arm unit is injection molded of a polypropylene and having an over-molded covering of a compound selected from the group consisting essentially of thermoplastic elastomers (TPE), thermoplastic olefins (TPO), and polyvinyl chlorides (PVC).
6. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 5 wherein, said cupholder assembly infinitely adjustable articulating arm unit is over-molded with the TPE Santoprene.
7. (currently amended) A cupholder assembly adapted for use in a vehicle for supporting containers, the vehicle having a receiving aperture for receiving the cupholder assembly, the cupholder assembly comprising:
- a cupholder housing adapted for use in a vehicle and having an opening on one end adapted to accept;
 - a cupholder tray adapted for slidable connection within said cupholder housing between storage and use positions; and
 - a cupholder infinitely adjustable articulated arm unit adapted for permanent mounting on said cupholder tray, said cupholder infinitely adjustable articulated arm unit comprising:
 - a body portion adapted for permanent mounting on said cupholder tray and further adapted to hold beverage containers,
 - two articulating arms each adapted to hold a beverage container and each pivotal about and connected to said body portion by,
 - a living hinge; and

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said cupholder infinitely adjustable articulated arm unit being molded of a first plastic composition having ~~with the~~ two living hinged articulating arms in a normally closed position and further molded of a first plastic composition and covered by an over-molded molding of a second plastic of a different composition than said first plastic ~~capable of~~ providing a spring-like closing action to said two living hinged articulating arms when they are pivoted out of said normally closed position.

8. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 7 wherein, said cupholder assembly housing and tray are composed of a plastic.

9. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 7 wherein, said cupholder assembly housing and tray are composed of an injection molded plastic.

10. (original) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 9 wherein, said injection molded plastic is polypropylene.

11. (currently amended) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 7 wherein, said cupholder assembly infinitely adjustable articulating arm unit is injection molded of a polypropylene and having an over-molded covering of a compound selected from the group consisting essentially of thermoplastic elastomers (TPE), thermoplastic olefins (TPO), and polyvinyl chlorides (PVC).

12. (previously amended) The cupholder assembly as claimed in Claim 11 wherein, said cupholder assembly infinitely adjustable articulating arm unit is injection molded of a polypropylene and over-molded of a thermoplastic elastomer (TPE).

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AMENDMENTSTOTHEDRAWINGS:

There are no amendments to the drawings.